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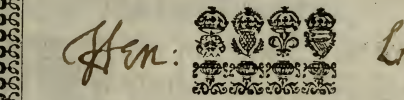
Together with Her Majesties Answer to a Message of both Houses.



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With His Majesty's Gracious Answers

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TO THE KINGS *MOST EXCELLENT* MAJESTIE,

The humble Petition of the LORDS and COMMONS assembled in PARLIAMENT.

Most gracious Soveraign,

THe present Evils and Calamities wherwith your Kingdoms are most miserably intangled, the imminent dangers which threaten your Royall Person, and all your People, have caused us your most

faithfull and obedient Subjects, the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament, with thankfulneſſe to entertain, and with all earneſtneſſe of affection and endeavour to purſue the gracious Propoſition and Direction which not long ſince we have received from your Majeſtie: And we have thereupon taken into our moſt ſerious conſideration the wayes and means of ſecuring the ſafety of your Royall Perſon, Preſerving the Honour and Authority of your Crown, Removing all Jealouſies betwixt your Majeſtie and your People, Suppreſsing the Rebellion in *Ireland*, Preventing the Fears and Dangers in this Kingdom, and the

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miſchievous Deſignes of thoſe who are Enemies to the Peace of it. And that we may with more Comfort and Security accompliſh our duties herein, we moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſtie, That you will be pleaſed forthwith to put the Tower of *London*, and all other Forts, and the whole *Militia* of the Kingdom, into the hands of ſuch Perſons as ſhall be recommended unto your Majeſtie by both Houſes of Parliament, which they aſſure themſelves will be a hopefull entrance into thoſe Courſes, which (through Gods bleſsing) ſhall be effectuall for the removing all diffidence and miſ-apprehenſion betwixt your Majeſtie and your People,

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People, and for Establishing and Enlarging the Honour, Greatnesse, and Power of your Majestie and Royall Posterity, and for the restoring and confirming the Peace and Happinesse of your loyall Subjects in all your Dominions.

And to this our most necessary Petition, we in all humility expect your Majesties speedy and gracious Answer, the great Distractions and Distempers of the Kingdom not admitting any delay.

TO

TO
THE KINGS MOST
Excellent Majestie:

The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament.

Sheweth,

THat whereas your Majestie by a Message sent to both Houses of Parliament, signified an Apprehension of some Treasonable matter to have been committed by the

Lord *Kymbolton*, Master *Hollis*, Sir *Arthur Haslerig*, Master *Pym*, Master *Hampden*, and Master *Strode*; and thereby declared your Majesties intention to proceed against them in an unquestionable way: We the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, did make our humble Petition to your Majestie, to beseech your Majestie to give directions that Your Parliament might be informed before Tuesday then next ensuing, what proof there was against them, that accordingly there might be a Legall and Parliamentary proceeding against them, whereby they might be brought to condigne punishment

niſhment, if guilty; or diſcharged from ſo heavy an Accuſation, if innocent: And whereas your Majeſtie was graciouſly pleaſed in Anſwer to that Petition, to expreſſe Your good approbation of the deſire of both Houſes, for the ſpeedy proceeding againſt the Perſons in that Petition mentioned; yet your Majeſtie gave no other ſatisfaction to their deſire then this, That your Majeſtie held it neceſſary, leſt a new miſtake ſhould breed more delayes, that it ſhould be reſolved, whether your Majeſtie were bound, in reſpect of Priviledges, to proceed againſt them by impeachment in that Parliament, or to

be left at liberty to preferre an Indictment at the Common Law, in the usuall way, or to have Your choice of either; and we finding still, that there is no Legall and Parliamentarie proceedings against them, and that they still lie under the burden of that high Charge, We think it our duty once again to beseech your Majestie to give directions, that your Parliament may be informed before Friday next, what proof there is against them, that accordingly they may be called to a Legall Triall, it being the undoubted Right and Priviledge of Parliament, That no Member of Parliament can be proceeded

against

againſt, without the conſent of Parliament: And this we moſt humbly conceive our ſelves obliged to ask, it being no leſſe agreeable with juſtice, to have the innocency of Parties unjuſtly charged, manifeſted, then to bring the Nocent to their juſt puniſhment.

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HIS MAJESTIES ANSWER

To two Petitions of the LORDS and COMMONS, delivered Febr. 2. 1641.

His Majestie having well considered of the two several Petitions, presented unto him on Wednesday the second of this moneth, from both Houses of Parliament, and being desirous to expresse

expreſſe how willing He is to apply a remedy, not onely to your Dangers, but even to your Doubts and Fears. He therefore, to that Petition which concerns the Forts and Militia *of this Kingdom, returns this anſwer; That when He ſhall know the extent of Power which is intended to be eſtabliſhed in thoſe perſons, whom you deſire to be the Commanders of the* Militia *in the ſeverall Counties; And likewiſe to what time it ſhall be limited, that no power ſhall be executed by His Majeſtie alone, without the advice of Parliament;*

Then He will declare, That (for the ſecuring you from all Dangers, or Jealouſies of any) His Majeſtie will be content to put in all the places both of Forts and Militia *in*

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the ſeverall Counties, ſuch perſons as both the Houſes of Parliament ſhall either approve, or recommend unto Him, ſo that you declare before unto His Majeſtie, the names of the perſons whom you approve or recommend: unleſſe ſuch perſons ſhall be named, againſt whom He ſhall have juſt and unqueſtionable exceptions.

To the other Petition concerning the members of either Houſe, His Majeſtie returns this Anſwer, That as He once conceived that He had ground enough to accuſe them, ſo now His Majeſtie finds as good cauſe wholly to deſert any proſecution of them.

And for a further teſtimony of His Majeſties reall Intention to-

wards all His loving Subjects, (some of whom happly may be involved in some unknowing and unwilling Errors) For the better composing and setling of all Fears and Jealousies of what kinde soever, His Majestie is ready to grant as free and generall a Pardon for the full contentment of all His loving Subjects, as shall by the approbation of both Houses of Parliament be thought convenient for that purpose.

His

His Majesties Consent for the Princesse *Maries* going to Holland,

And Her Majestie to accompany Her thither.

HIs Majestie being very much pressed by the States Ambassador to send the Princesse his Daughter immediately into Holland: And being likewise earnestly desired by his Royall Consort the Queen to give her Majestie leave

to accompany her Daughter thither, hath thought fit to consent to both desires, and to make this his Majesties Consent, and her Majesties Resolution known to his Parliament.

¶ Her

¶ Her Majesties Answer to a Message of both Houses.

THe Queen having received a Message from both Houses of Parliament by the Earl of Newport and the Lord Seymore, intimating unto her, that she had been told that the House of Commons had an intention to accuse Her of high Treason, and that Articles to that purpose had been shewed unto her, Returns this Answer,

That there was a generall report of an Accusation intended against

her, but she never saw any Articles in writing, and having no certain Author either for the one or for the other, she gave little credit thereunto, and much lesse now being assured from the House of Commons that never any such thing came into their thoughts.

Nor will she believe they would lay an Aspersion upon her, who hath ever been very unapt so far to misconster the Actions of any one person, and much more the proceedings of Parliament, and shall at all times wish a happy understanding between the King and his people.

FINIS.

TREASURE ROOM